

Education's new programme

By ANTONIA SWANN

Last August marked the beginning of the Faculty of Education's new Consecutive Teacher Education Programme.

The one year programme, which runs from August to June, qualifies graduates to teach in primary and junior divisions (up to grade six).

Dean of Education Andrew Effrat said the new programme gives students who are not sure of their ultimate career goals when entering university, a second opportunity to become a teacher upon finishing their BA. Instead of doing a BA and BEd at the same time, as in the well-established Concurrent Programme, the Consecutive Programme allows candidates to finish a BA first, and then focus completely on a Bachelor of Education.

There are presently 200 students enrolled in the Consecutive Programme, and 300 in the Concurrent Teacher Education Programme.

Effrat said a major advantage of the Consecutive Programme is that it will help to cope with the "anticipated teacher shortage due to the growth of school boards and numerous retirements in the teaching profession."

The Consecutive Programme stresses "equality of opportunity" and thereby differentiates itself from



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other Consecutive Programmes in Ontario, said Effrat. He added that the Faculty of Education believes in a more "holistic approach" when screening potential candidates. Grade point averages are important, but attracting candidates with extensive experience, and those from more non-traditional backgrounds is just as significant.

This emphasis has been successful, explained the Dean, as many visible minorities are enrolled.

One of the concerns of the Faculty of Education is to increase the number of males teaching at the primary and junior levels. Only about 10 per cent of recently graduated primary and junior level teachers in Ontario are male, said Effrat. He is pleased that about 20 -

25 per cent of the students in York's Consecutive Programme are males.

York's Consecutive Programme also differs from others in its emphasis on length of practical experience. Over the course of the programme, "there are about 100 days of practice teaching, which is much more extensive than most similar programmes in the province," said Effrat.

"This year and next, the Consecutive Teacher Education Programme will focus on the primary and junior levels," said the Dean. However, he said, it is possible the programme will eventually move into certain Intermediate/Senior areas."

For further information on the Consecutive Teacher Education Programme, contact the Faculty of Education, at 736-5001.

Question ENGINE

Question Engineers:
Sari Haber
Babak Amifeiz

Question #1

Last week CYSF's vice president David Gillinsky resigned — your feelings???



Student 1: Ms. Unknown
(a blond)

Q.1: Wasn't aware . . . didn't even hear about it . . . didn't even read *Excalibur*.

Q.2: No problem.

Question #2

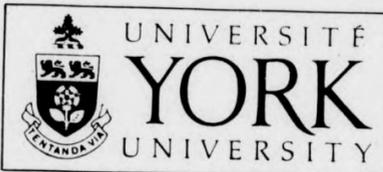
How do you feel about York Theatre students using a ten foot phallus to promote their latest production, UBU Unleashed???



Student 2: Mr. Unknown
(good looking guy with hat)

Q.1: CYSF has a weak government.

Q.2: Totally absurd!!!



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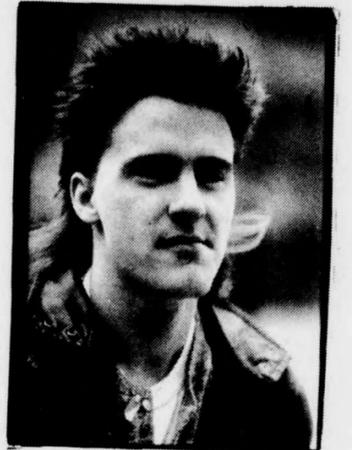
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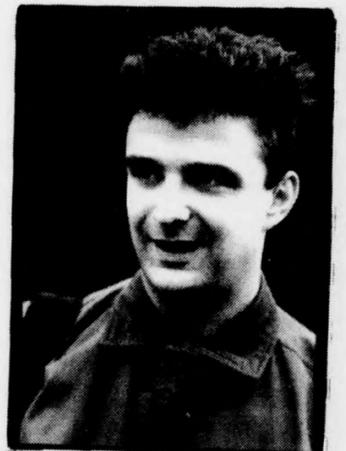
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West Office Building
4700 Keele Street
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Student 3: David Huchvale
Political Science & Comm.
2nd year

Q.1: Fine job. Who reads the paper . . . everyone just reads the headlines . . . Who knows???

Q.2: No big fan of the arts students . . . as long as they don't get in my way!!!



Student 4: Harry Kandilas
Osgoode
5th Year

Q.1: Who is he?? I didn't even know he was the president!!

Q.2: Fine with me.

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